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Above: Volunteers are awarded for 100 hours Voluntary Service, certificates were given out at the Mayors Parlour by The Right Worshipful, The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Elizabeth Mizon

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to SVS members and readers of the SVS Mailing.

Well, we have come to the end of the nineties and are now in the noughties so what do we think the voluntary and community sector will look like at the end of this decade? For better or worse, it sounds like a marriage (made in heaven!). One might ponder.

In an attempt to safeguard our children and vulnerable adults we have seen the Criminal Record Bureau process implemented and will in the coming year see further new regulations through the **Independent Safeguarding Authority**. I am sure many groups are not aware of how this new piece of legislation will impact on them so do read the ISA page within this newsletter which will answer some of your queries.

We have seen changes in the way the sector is funded for its services with many being commissioned through contracts instead of grants. The local authority is undertaking a thorough review of its grants programme of which the results and impact will not be known until June. Perhaps members would like to keep us informed if they currently receive SCC grants as to what effect the new grants system will have on them. Maybe someone would like to write an article on how the changes that seem to be continually impacting on the sector affects them individually. If so just write in to the office at Southampton Voluntary Services, marking your article for the Mailing editorial or e-mail mailing@southamptonvs.org.uk.

SVS feels it would be useful to get the Mailing more interactive with members by seeing if they would produce articles on what it is like for them in the current climate, perhaps a problem page might be useful giving members an opportunity to reply to a problem or query. Let us know what you think at the above email address.

Moving on, in the past this week we have received the updated "**Compact**". This is the document that sets out the agreement between the Government and the Third Sector in England. The rhetoric within the document can only be applauded but implementation at local levels has often thought to be lacking. SVS would be interested to hear whether any of our members have been involved in the setting of the Joint Compact Action Plans or reviewing these. (Perhaps another article if you are a member on what it has been like to be involved and what achievements it has made). Often the wider membership feels left out of the loop on these events and feels unable to get involved or comment. By creating some links this would not only help keep our development workers informed but it would enable the rest of the membership to feed into any partnership meetings or forums they are involved in.

And finally, are you aware that you (i.e. charities and not for profit organisations) will need to have a **licence to play recorded music on your premises** if the Government has its way. This new piece of legislation is due to be enforced in April 2010. It not only affect's groups who use music in their events but also charity shops if the volunteers are listening to music in the back room, which will add £40-£80 to operating costs and take £3 million out of the charitable sector. Up to April 2010 charities and not for profit organisations have been exempt. NCVO is campaigning against this proposal, if you feel strong enough about this issue then sign the petition at [//www.petitions.number10.gov.ukdontstopthemusic/](http://www.petitions.number10.gov.ukdontstopthemusic/).

Good luck to you all this coming year.

Editor



A big thanks to Dawnus Construction...



Megan Marks was thrilled to accept a cheque for the amount of £2032.71 on behalf of The Young Carers Project from Dawnus Construction. The money raised from weekly raffles and donations from clients, will go towards helping provide respite for the Young Carers and organising activities.

Shopmobility Benefits from Donated Equipment

Southampton Shopmobility SVS's wheelchair and scooter hire service based at Castle Way have seen a boost to their donations this year through the sale of equipment donated to them. "We have a number of old wheelchairs, walkers and mobility scooters donated to us this year" says Shopmobility Manager Lilah Turtle. "This has been great because we can then sell the donated items at a low price to people who need them and the money helps us fund new equipment. The items always sell very quickly which shows what a great demand there is for mobility equipment."

Shopmobility are now appealing for more items. If anyone has any wheelchairs, walkers or mobility scooters at home in reasonable condition that they no longer need please contact Shopmobility on 02380631263 or email city.shopmobility@southamptonvs.org.uk. Alternatively, you can pop into their building by the old town walls at Castle Way. Currently, Shopmobility are also recruiting for new volunteers to work around half a day a week, although this can be flexible, assisting with customer service in their office. Duties include answering the phone, serving customers and some basic administration. The service is looking for people who are available on a Thursday or Friday afternoon or a Saturday. If you can help please contact Shopmobility on 02380631263



First Wessex 

Financial Inclusion Initiative

Three Financial Inclusion Champions are now in post and are in the process of meeting relevant stakeholders, to develop a plan of action to reduce financial exclusion in the following local authority areas: Southampton, Portsmouth, Gosport, Havant, Eastleigh, Fareham, Plymouth and Brighton & Hove. If you would like to discuss how they could help your organisation think about financial inclusion. Support could range from writing a financial inclusion strategy to assessing how current practices help or hinder financial inclusion.

For further information contact:

Darren Bruce: 07961 544508 or darren.bruce@firstwessex.org

‘Born Free & Equal ?’**A Conference on Human Rights – Global & Local**

Saturday, 20th March, 10.30 – 4.30

Central Baptist Church, Devonshire Road, The Polygon, SO15 2GY

While considering human rights worldwide, we shall focus on what we can do to foster human rights in the local setting

Details and registration form from Margaret Matthews (02380 557334)
memat56@tiscali.co.uk

**Marketing and Celebrating Youth Arts**

Artsplan is delighted to have the one-day course ‘Marketing and Celebrating Youth Arts’ taking place on the 25th March 2010 at Basepoint in Southampton. We would very much appreciate your support in promoting this course to anyone you know, who may well work with young people.

For more information on how to make a booking, please

Contact the Artsplan Team via: artsplanbookings@artswork.org.uk or call 023 80682535



**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL 2010/11 GRANTS TO
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**



The City Council up-dated grants web pages

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/grants> went "live" in the first week of 2010 with new application forms, criteria and guidance notes. Voluntary and community groups can now apply for the following grants for the period 1st July 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Running Costs Fund for contributions to core running costs (usually linked to specific posts or items of expenditure). The closing date for applications is 31st March 2010.

New Projects Fund for time limited project grants. The initial closing date for applications is 31st March 2010 with further opportunities later in the year.

AVAILABLE IN APRIL 2010 application forms for **Community Chest** one-off grants up to £5,000 which will be allocated in two round in May and October 2010.

For more information please contact the Stronger Communities and Equalities Team on 023 8083 4067 or 023 8083 3198

Southampton's Learning Festival

on Saturday the 6th March
from 12:00pm-3:00pm

At Southampton City Art Gallery and Central Library

For more details:

Web: <http://www.letstry.org.uk/learning-festival>

Email: info@letstry.org.uk

Phone: 02380 671111



**The National Osteoporosis Southampton and
District Support Group - Meetings**

We meet at St Mark's Church Hall, Archer's Rd , Southampton on the third Tuesday in every month from 2 -4pm.

All welcome, for more information please contact us on 02380 497 644





Improving support
for a stronger third sector

Selling what we do!

Changing times for voluntary sector organisations...

In this contract and commissioned-focus environment, what can organisations do to negotiate this difficult change!

Many organisations are having to making the decision - should they bid for contracts that are being advertised, many have little choice as it's their contract up for tender.

What help is available for agencies that feel they need additional support to negotiate the changing times ahead, below is where help is available:

Locally

Southampton Voluntary Services -
information@southamptonvs.org.uk

We are currently organising training sessions to support local voluntary sector organisations to increase their knowledge on tendering for public service contracts.

Please contact Philip Lee
p.lee@southamptonvs.org.uk or
023 8021 6017

Nationally

National Council Voluntary Organisations – Public Service Delivery Network <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/psdnetwork>

The Public Service Delivery Network uniquely brings together voluntary and community organisations and statutory sector bodies to develop tools and spaces for the improvement of procurement and commissioning relationships between the two sectors.

A range of professional consultants are also available to help organisations through the maze of commissioning / procurement of public service contracts. For further information





Ladder4learning

ladder4learning provides a regional workforce development resource for the Community and Voluntary sectors and social enterprises across the south west of England and parts of the south east. They have produced a number of briefing sheets and best practice documents which are available from

www.ladder4learning.org.uk or alternatively you can call 01225 792505 for more

The Autism Act 2009

I am delighted to advise that The Autism Bill has made it through its last parliamentary stage, received Royal assent and has now become The Autism Act 2009: the first-ever disability-specific law for England.

The Bill, that was backed by a coalition of 16 autism organisations and had overwhelming parliamentary support, will guarantee the introduction of the first-ever adult autism strategy, which will set out how local services should be improved to meet the needs of adults with autism. The strategy will cover a range of issues including health, social care, employment and training and, crucially, will be accompanied by guidance which places a legal obligation on local authorities and NHS bodies to meet certain requirements.

For further information log on to www.nas.org.uk

Minister urges thousands more sports clubs to register for tax benefits and share in a multi-million pound windfall

Thousands of amateur sports clubs across the UK are missing out on a share of tax savings running into millions of pounds, Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe said today.

Sutcliffe wants more clubs to join the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) scheme so they will have more money to help drive a sporting legacy from 2012.

CASC legislation came in via the 2002 Finance Act and enables amateur sports clubs that meet certain criteria to qualify for a number of tax advantages. These include:

- Mandatory business rate relief for 80 per cent of the total business rates bill
- The potential to reclaim Gift Aid on donations from individuals – for every £1 donated clubs can claim an extra 25p tax refund from the government with an additional 3p per £1 available until April 2011.

Exemption from Corporation Tax on profits if their annual trading income is under £30,000 per year

For further information contact:

- Department for Culture, Media and Sport press office on 020 7211 6971



Volunteer News

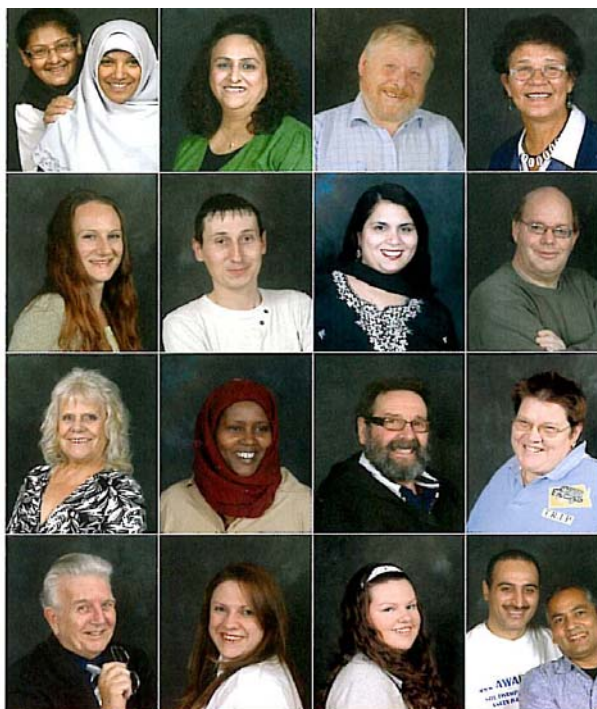
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Inspiring Snaps- Volunteers' Photo Exhibition

Whether it's handing out harm reduction advice with the Safe in Sound project, or making a real difference to a young person's life with the Young Carers projects, Southampton's volunteers showed off their skills in an inspiring photography exhibition. To coincide with the **United Nations International Volunteer Day on the 5th December**, the Volunteering Development Team worked with colleagues from Southampton City Council's Stronger Communities & Equalities Team to put together an exhibition of photographs depicting the diversity amongst volunteers and the roles that they take up. The photographs will be displayed at different venues over the coming months, if you would like to exhibit them, please contact

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Volunteering

Good Practice- Tips and Advice: Encourage all volunteers to claim expenses

Some volunteers may feel that they do not need or even should not be offered expenses. Do therefore explain the equal opportunities issue that not everyone can afford to write off costs incurred through volunteering. It's important that there is no stigma attached to claiming expenses, so it would be better if everyone put in a claim, even if they returned the sum as a donation. Another key reason for encouraging everyone to take their expenses is so that organisations have an accurate picture of volunteer costs for funders.

**Southampton's Volunteer Trends**

In 2009 SVS registered **1,681** potential volunteers, which is a **75 %** increase from 2008. (924 recorded in 2008)
On average 41% of all enquiries from 2009 were from people who were job seeking. This has double from the year before when only 20% of our enquiries came from those who were unemployed.



Volunteer Newscontinued

Volunteer Brokerage- Volunteer Centre Eastleigh & SVS

In partnership with our local Volunteer Centres, we have been looking at ways to work together to provide a more efficient service for the recruitment of potential volunteers on your behalf. Both SVS and One Community Eastleigh post volunteering opportunities on www.do-it.org and sometimes the opportunities may get entered by both organisations. To avoid duplication and confusion to potential volunteers, we have arranged a protocol for posting volunteering opportunities online so that, depending on the geographical location, the opportunity will be posted by SVS for Southampton opportunities and Volunteer Centre Eastleigh for Eastleigh opportunities. Southampton opportunities currently registered with Volunteer Centre Eastleigh will be transferred across to SVS. For more information contact Becky Spake: 02380228291 or b.spake@southamptonvs.org.uk

Dates for your Calendar

Developing a Volunteer Policy
23/03/10
1.30pm – 4.30 p.m.
At The Voluntary Action Centre



31st October: Make A Difference Day 2010

CSV Make a Difference Day is the UK's largest day of volunteering. More than 50,000 people took part in the campaign on and around 31 October 2009, the plan is to make this year even bigger.



5th December: International Volunteer Day 2010

International Volunteer Day (IVD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. IVD is now celebrated worldwide with thousands of volunteers involved in a range of IVD initiatives. For more info please follow the link below

<http://www.unv.org/what-we-do/int-l-volunteer-day.html>



A New Horizon – SVS Mental Health Forum

SVS Mental Health Forum is planning to extend its membership to better reflect the wellbeing agenda.

The government's new mental health strategy *New Horizons*, published late last year, places a stronger emphasis on wellbeing, prevention and recovery and the forum will act as a meeting place to discuss, work together and drive forward this agenda locally.

If your work is focussed on mental health and wellbeing and you would like to get involved please get in touch. The forum is chaired by service user activist Bob Clark and meets quarterly at SVS. Dates for 2010 are – 9th March pm, 15th June am, 21st September pm, 14th December am.

New S-LINK Office

Southampton's Local Involvement Network, S-LINK have moved into new offices at Unit 31, Basepoint Business Centre, Anderson Road, Southampton.

This new base will mean members of the public can drop in to S-LINK with any concerns they may have about health care provision in the City. Alternatively, contact Sue Carly, S-LINK officer on (023) 8068 2425

suecarley@hapuk.co.uk

HM Government



Bevois and Bargate Community Health Group

A new meeting group has been developed to tackle health inequalities in the inner city areas of Bevois and Bargate wards. The group brings together statutory and 3rd sector organisations with local residents groups. It is hoped the group can plan work to tackle health issues in communities.

If you would like to find out more about the group, get involved or have a concern you feel needs addressing please contact Kirsten Killander, Joint Commissioning Manager, Health and Adult Social Care at Southampton City Council on 023 8091 7832

Kirsten.Killander@southampton.gov.uk



Southampton Steps to Wellbeing

Southampton Voluntary Services and Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are organising a 3rd sector engagement day to spread the word about the primary care mental health service in Southampton – Steps to Wellbeing.

The day is set for Thursday 8th April at SVS. It will be a chance to find out more about Steps to Wellbeing and how this can benefit your clients. It will also be an opportunity to introduce your organisation to the Steps to Wellbeing team so they can make referrals to the services you offer and plan how you can work together in the future to improve the wellbeing of your clients.

Steps to Wellbeing is the local Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service in the City, which provides Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in primary care to those suffering from a range of mental health problems including depression and anxiety. Southampton Steps to Wellbeing can be contacted on **0800 612 7000**.

For more information contact Rob Kurn, SVS Health Development Worker, 023 8021 6031 r.kurn@southamptonvs.org.uk

Choose Well – help yourself and the NHS to get the best treatment

If you become unwell or are injured make sure you choose the right NHS service.



NHS Southampton City is joining other NHS organisations in the south to actively promote the Choose Well campaign to people in Southampton. Choose Well helps you decide what sort of medical help you require and provides information about the local NHS services available to you. It also gives you details about what each service offers you, how to contact them and how to find them, should you need to travel to them.

It's important to know the correct services to use in Southampton. By using the right level of treatment, you have a better chance of being treated quickly and ensuring priority services are given to those who need them the most. To find out more about the Choose Well campaign and how to get the right treatment, please go to

www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk/choosewell.





Adelaide Health Centre

The new Adelaide Health Centre opened in January and is based in the centre of Millbrook on the Western Community Hospital campus.

The new healthcare site will benefit the local community by providing a wide variety of services, as well as a GP surgery open from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week, which for registered patients offers access to a walk in service for those with a chronic health condition.

The building is a bright and vibrant centre offering a range of health and social care services under one roof including:

- Podiatry service to provide treatment and care for feet and lower limb conditions
- Leg ulcer care
- Physiotherapy
- Health visitors
- Community Neurological Rehabilitation, GP surgery.

We are very proud of this community health centre, please stop by and see what the Adelaide Health Centre can offer you. For more information about the Adelaide Health Centre please visit www.adelaidehealthcentre.nhs.uk or to register at the GP surgery please visit www.adelaidegpsurgery.nhs.uk

Listening to you - *How to get involved with your NHS*

Do you have any ideas you would like to share about the NHS, based on your experience of NHS treatment or care?

Your views and opinions are important to us as they help improve our services. You can become involved in one or more of the following ways:

- As someone contributing your own views and experiences, or
- As someone reflecting the voice of a group or community with a particular interest in common, such as a particular condition in common.

Your views will help us:

- Make sure services are based on the needs of our patients
- Plan services
- Prioritise investments
- Provide the most appropriate services
- Monitor, review and evaluate services

Become a member of NHS Southampton Network

Members of our network have the opportunity to become involved in various aspects of the Trust's business. Members receive regular newsletters, information, consultations and public events. For more info please contact Laura Brown 023 8029 6933



Southampton City

NHS Southampton City's Annual Report and AGM

Every year NHS Southampton City publishes an annual report on its activities. This is published alongside the annual accounts for the organisation. The report looks at changes we have made to our services in the past year, our priorities on the health services we ask other NHS trusts and organisations to provide for local people, how we spend taxpayers' money and the work we carry out in partnership with others. We also report on work underway to help people to improve the health of the community.

Additionally, the annual general meeting (AGM) of the organisation provides an opportunity to hear about our activities over the last year and to debate the key issues outlined in the annual report. We are now planning for our annual report and annual general meeting and would like to hear your views.

If there is an area of healthcare in Southampton which you would particularly like to see covered in the 2009-10 Annual Report, please let us know by emailing public.relations@scpct.nhs.uk



What you need to know if you need to apply for an ISA Registration



1. The Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) is a non-departmental public body (NDPB), sponsored by the Home Office.
2. They act as the decision making element of the Vetting & Barring Scheme.
3. They Maintain the two new barred lists, the 'Children's and Vulnerable Adults' lists that replaces the POCA, POVA and List 99 lists from the 12th October 2009.

What does the ISA do?

1. Assess the risk of harm that an individual would pose if they were to work with vulnerable groups, based on information held about that individual.
2. Use information from a number of sources including the Police, Local authorities and employers.
3. Consist of trained case workers, who will decide on a case-by-case basis whether a person poses a potential on-going risk and if necessary, bar an individual from working with vulnerable groups.
4. Support the case workers with a continuous training and support programme and a board of public appointees with many years experience in the field of safeguarding.

How does an individual become ISA-registered?

1. An individual can apply for ISA-registration through one of the organisations registered with the CRB – these are called Registered or Umbrella Bodies.
2. The ISA-registration application process is very similar to that of applying for a CRB check.
3. Once an individual is ISA-registered, subsequent employers can check a person's ISA registration status, online and free of charge, with the consent of the individual.

How long will it take to become ISA-registered?

The CRB is working to a standard whereby applicants will become registered within seven working days. Where applicants have a relevant conviction, caution, warning or reprimand, the CRB will send the information to the ISA who will then take a closer look at the applicant.

How much will it cost for an individual to register with the ISA?

The cost for registering with the ISA is £64.00 in England and Wales and £58 in Northern Ireland

Will volunteers have to pay the ISA registration fee?

No, not if they only work as unpaid volunteers. But if at some subsequent point they take up paid employment in regulated activity, a fee would be payable at that stage.



Is a person's ISA-registration transferable (i.e. to another employer)?

Yes, ISA-registration involves a one-off application fee and will apply to any future setting where the person is working with children, or vulnerable adults.

What does being 'ISA-registered' mean?

No information is held that demonstrates the person poses a risk of harm to children or vulnerable adults.

A person's registration status is continuously monitored, and if any new information such as a relevant caution or conviction, or information from employers comes to light, the ISA is informed, they will re-assess the person's potential risk to vulnerable groups and they may choose to bar the individual.

What is the difference between the service offered by the ISA and the CRB?

1. The ISA will prevent the most unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults by making it a legal requirement for everyone who is working with children or the vulnerable to be registered with the ISA.
2. The CRB will continue to support employers by providing them with access to an individual's full criminal record and other information so that they can assess the individual's suitability for the particular post or position.

How long will a barring decision take?

Where an individual has been referred to the ISA due to harming; causing harm; putting at risk of harm; attempting to harm; or inciting another to harm a child or vulnerable adult, the ISA will consider all available relevant information in deciding if it is appropriate to add that person to one or both of the barred lists.

This process will include requesting relevant information from other organisations including for example, employers, police and local authorities. The individual referred will also be given the opportunity to present representations.

What will happen if employers do not check if staff are ISA-registered?

There will be tough penalties for those employers who fail in their responsibility to carry out the necessary checks or recruit people who are not ISA-registered [or who are barred].

Employers who knowingly permit a barred individual to engage in regulated activity face a maximum penalty of up to six months in prison plus a fine.

It will be a criminal offence for a barred individual even to seek a job in regulated activity, again punishable with a sentence of up to five years' imprisonment plus a fine.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

You can contact the Vetting and Barring Scheme Contact Centre, If you have any questions about the Scheme you can call the team on **0300 123 1111**.

Further information is also available at www.isa.gov.org.uk

Information obtained from ISA website

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ARE YOU ABOUT TO RECRUIT?

Southampton Voluntary Services



Advertise your vacancies on SVS website for £50.00 per Advert
★ Special Offer £20.00 to any vacancy within Children's Services ★

Why Choose Southampton Voluntary Services

- Your advert will automatically be on **CharityJOBS** website Free of Charge.
- Not only can we carry your adverts at a low cost we can help to promote your service by adding a link to your website.
- Our aim is to develop a local jobsite for charities providing the opportunity to advertise nationally at the same time, for the same cost.
- You can attach as many additional documents to your advert, such as Job Descriptions and Application forms to allow a cost effective way of applicants applying to your vacancy.
- **CharityJOB** is the busiest and most popular specialist charity jobsite with jobseekers.
- Your advert will be seen by over 120,000 jobseekers a month.
- Your advert can stay on the both websites for up to one month.



For careers and job opportunities with charities visit
www.southamptonvs.org.uk working in partnership with CharityJOB.co.uk
To request further information call Lindsay Davies,
Human Resources Development Worker on 023 8021 6020
or email to jobs@southampton.org.uk



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To help you access funding SVS :-

- Produce a **Small Grants Guide**, which lists funding up to £10,000. Available from our website www.southamptonvs.org.uk under funding, or call 02380 228 291.
- Produces a series of **factsheets**, including topics on business planning, managing funds etc downloadable from www.southamptonvs.org.uk under 'sector support or call 02380 228 291
- Research a 'funding profile of the week', see www.southamptonvs.org.uk. Phone as above for information on previous profiles.
- subscribe to the **Charities Information Bureau newsletter**, which we can forward to SVS members. Call on 02380 228 291, email l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk or you can subscribe yourself: www.fit4funding.org.uk
- Subscribe to **funderfinder**, a database, which all voluntary groups may use. Call 02380 228291 to make an appointment to use the programme. If you haven't used the programme before, then a Development worker can be available to help you.
- Subscribe to NCVO which supports the Funding central database www.fundingcentral.org.uk.

Please let Louise Evans, l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk know if you use any of this information. We have to evidence that what we produce is used in order to achieve funding to continue with a service. Knowing how much money is brought into the City by the Sector is especially useful.

Feedback from funders'

Big Lottery Fund :Awards For All by Sasha Rose Regional Policy and Partnerships Manager,

Over the next few months I will be writing some short articles on our *Awards for All* programme. Within these articles I aim to take you on a journey to better discover the programme, see if it's the right programme for you and maybe whet your appetite to apply. The articles will cover the following topics:

- **Did you know?** exploring key aspects of the programme and any updates or changes
- **Common mistakes-** that applicants make
- **Improving your chances-** deeper look at evidencing need and writing outcomes
- **Journey of an application-** what happens to your application once you have submitted it
- **Monitoring and evaluation-** how will you demonstrate that your project will deliver
- **Success-** showcasing local successful applicants

Common mistakes to avoid when filling out an Awards for All application form

Awards for All is the Big Lottery Fund's small grants programme offering grants between £300 and £10,000. It aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

Here are some common mistakes you can avoid when filling out your application form.

- **The project does not meet one of the BIG outcomes.** Your project will need to meet one of the following:
 - People have better chances in life
 - Stronger communities
 - Improved rural and urban environments
 - Healthier and more active people and communities



- **The project is not eligible for the Awards for All programme.** Awards for All will now only pay for arts, sports or heritage projects where the main purpose of the project meets one of the four outcomes listed above. We will not fund applications where the main purpose of the project is sports, arts or heritage.
- **Not showing that there is a need for your project in the community.** Make sure that you fully explain the need for your project – what it is and how you have identified it. This could include surveys of the community or local area or researching the local area for similar services.
- **Timings.** You must send us an application at least three months before your project starts and be able to complete your project within one year.
- **Name of organisation does not match supporting documents.** Before applying you need to make sure the name of your organisation matches that on your bank account and other supporting documents. You will also need to have at least two unrelated signatories for your accounts
- Before you submit your application form make sure that you have filled in all sections of the application form and check them against the guidelines one last time.

For further information and detailed guidance on how to apply please visit www.awardsforall.org.uk, contact your local CVS, (SVS 02380 228291 and ask for a Development Worker from the Voluntary Sector Support Team (VSST)) or phone BIG Advice Line on 0845 102030.

In April, we'll be giving you some tips on how to evidence need and produce SMART outcomes.

Charities urged to join Which Charity selection website www.whichcharity.org

From Third Sector Online, Charities are being urged to sign up to a free website designed to help potential donors decide which charity to give money to.

Grassroots www.hantscf.org.uk deadline 30th April 2010

Could your voluntary group use £5000? Have you had money from the grassroots programme? Projects will need to start after 01 April 2010 and need to finish by December 2010.

Monitoring forms must be completed promptly.

Applications welcomed for community groups to help strengthen their organisation, for example:

- equipment,
- marketing cost to recruit new volunteers, members or staff,
- training courses for volunteers or staff,
- funds to put on an event to raise awareness of the group or fundraise for the group,
- hall or venue hire

Updated guidance notes and criteria on the website. Groups may only have a total of £5000 over the life of the grassroots programme.

The following is provided with thanks to Charities Information Bureau, SCC Funding Opportunities Group Bulletin (FOG) - Regeneration Team, RAISE, CVS Network and directly to SVS by the Funding Agency.

If you wish to be added to the FOG Newsletter circulation list please contact Allison Barrow on **02380 832355**, or email **Allison.Barrow@southampton.gov.uk**



IT : information technology

Free Microsoft windows upgrades

Charity Technology Exchange and Microsoft are making Windows 7 upgrades available for the administrative fee of £5.00 per work station for Windows 7 Professional Upgrade and £6.00 per work station for Windows 7 Enterprise Upgrade.

This donation is available only to organisations that meet the Microsoft eligibility requirements. These include registered charities working in particular areas - see http://www.ctxchange.org/getting_started/eligibility_criteria/microsoft_eligibility_criteria for more details. To request the donation, you must register your organisation with CTX at http://www.ctxchange.org/getting_started/registering_organisation if you have not already done so.

For more information about Charity Technology Exchange (CTX), which offers donated technology products from partners like Microsoft and Cisco, visit <http://www.ctxchange.org>

CTX Technology Donations from Microsoft, Cisco & Symantec

Through the Charity Technology Exchange (CTX) programme, eligible charities and charitable housing associations can request donated technology products from Partners such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco. Full details of all our current Partners, including eligibility criteria, can be found at www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx/partners.

Over 2,500 charities have already taken advantage of these programmes to acquire some of the latest technology.

Charities pay a small administrative fee to cover the costs of running the programme and whilst the administrative fees vary, charities will still make savings of between 92-96% on typical retail prices. In practice, this means that a small charity with say 10 computers, can acquire the latest office, anti-virus, publishing and server software to equip the organisation for around £200.

To find out about how the programme works and to start the registration process, go to www.ctxchange.org/getting_started.

Freerunner - Free WiFi access for community spaces and charities

<http://www.freerunr.com/about/>

For an application form, <http://www.freerunr.com/community/>

Email: connectmenow@freerunr.com Tel: (0800) 860 0815.

Freerunner is offering to install free WiFi wireless internet access in 50 public places for at least three years. The company will also install the Freerunner service for free in 500 charity buildings, provided that they have broadband access, and say why the community needs it.

From the Freerunner website: '..... We have a fund in place to get internet access to people who need it. The fund is paid for by the commercial side of our business, a number of corporate sponsors and advertising we place at the start of your internet session.

'Freerunner has partnered with JustGiving.com to put free WiFi internet access in charities. If your charity has a broadband connection, we will come and install the Freerunner service for free in your location. It's perfect for charity shops as it gives people another reason to visit. It also gives you the chance to help bridge the digital divide. JustGiving.com and Freerunner have committed to provide this service to 500 charities, totally free of charge, forever.'



Children and young people**Bauer Media' Cash for kids, local radio station partner : Southampton wave 105**

<http://www.wave105.com/>

The Cash for Kids charities are established to channel the caring of the local community into the welfare of their own youngsters. Local station is wave 105

They use the power of their radio brands to deliver initiatives for sick and disadvantaged children in their communities; tapping into listener support for their local area, to benefit local children and give the neediest a better and brighter future. Usual grant amount around £5000, but welcome smaller applications and will consider larger ones.

Older People, the Elderly

BIG Lottery Awards for All Heroes Return. Applications open until 31 January 2011

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return.htm

- Grants are £150 - £5,500, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination
- Provides financial support for veterans wishing to attend 65th anniversary events overseas.
- WW2 veterans from the UK, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland can apply for travel and accommodation costs to visit the places where they saw active service. They can also receive funding to take part in an official commemoration in the UK.
- Those eligible are veterans who fought with or alongside British forces in World War 2 and who are resident in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.
- War widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible for funding, and carers and spouses can receive funding to travel with veterans.

Look at the FAQs on website

For questions and to check eligibility, ring the helpline Tel: 0845 0000 121

Email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

There is specialist travel arranged by the Royal British Legion through Poppy Travel Website:

<http://www.heroesreturn2.org.uk>

Porticus UK <http://www.porticusuk.com> Email: porticusuk@porticus.com

Porticus UK define their priorities based on the interests of the Trustees and identified areas of need within these interests. Although their values are based in the Catholic faith, they welcome applications from all organisations, whether or not they have a faith basis.

- Most grants are between £10,000 and £25,000.
- Registered charities only

Applications are only likely to have a chance of success if they fall under the following categories:-

- Strengthening family relationships
- Enriching education
- Transformation through faith
- Ethics in Practice



Homelessness, Asylum seekers, disadvantaged young people

Hilden Charitable Fund, website: www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk
tel: 0207 603 1525 **email:** hildencharity@hotmail.com

Priorities are:-

- Homelessness
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people
- Summer play scheme funding, minority ethnic groups and refugees are given priority
- Penal Affairs

Local charities with an income of less than £200,000 preferred
Grants rarely exceed £5000

Community arts, neighbourhood projects

Wakeham Trust - small grants <http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>
Email: wakehamtrust@mac.com **Tel:** 01730 821748

A trust based in Hampshire which Provide s grants to help people rebuild their communities, especially neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded.
Registered charities only.

Happy to take risks for new ideas and unpopular causes

Volunteer run– so can afford to make very small grants, prefers online applications if you have the choice.

They favour small projects - often, but not always, start-ups. The Trust does not favour any particular areas of activity. The best way to understand the kinds of projects they support is to look at the 'Who we support' and 'What We've Done' pages on their website.

If you write to them, please be sure to include all of the information described . Do not send original documents in support of your application– they do not have the capacity to return them.

environment

Green Grants Machine

Green Grants Machine are the UK's most comprehensive source of information on grants, loans and awards available to help your business go green and save on energy bills.

Their free directory contains information on over £1.2 billion of funds available to help you purchase hybrid fleet vehicles, install solar panels, introduce a recycling scheme in the workplace, replace printers and inks or to invest in green packaging to name just a few.

Registration is completely FREE and gives you full access to all the features of the website, including information on over 350 funding schemes and their weekly green funding e-newsletter.

Website: <http://www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk>



Other

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/home.html>

Applications open to: Local and national charities, not for profit organisations

The Foundation currently distributes over £2 million each year. The average grant awarded by the Foundation is £6000.

There are now two overarching themes to their grants:

Rural Issues: - 'Rural' in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants. They are interested in, for example:-

- projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged;
- Elderly: projects addressing isolation and loneliness (e.g. befriending schemes and luncheon clubs); domiciliary support (e.g. respite for carers), residential improvements/adaptations
- contact networks for young disabled people;
- projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls;
- employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts;
- projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation -i.e. More than 10,000 inhabitants which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%. They are interested in, for example, youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless.

Large Grant for capital projects ie community buildings. Apply for £10-£30k as long as the project is less than £1million

This is a snapshot of what the Foundation would like to fund. Please see the website.

Themed Grant: from July 2009, Trusthouse will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing **mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders**. If you are working in this field, please call them for an initial discussion.

They have 3 schemes: Large Grants Scheme for applications between £10,000 and £30,000; Small Grants Scheme for applications between £5,001 and £9,999; Fast Track Scheme for applications of £5,000 and below.

Please consult Guidelines on website below for further information and exclusions before applying. All applicants must complete an application form (which can be downloaded from Trusthouse's website or sent by post/email on request to the office).

Miss Judith Leigh, Grants Manager, The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, 6th Floor, 65 Leaden hall Street, London EC3A 2AD Tel: 020 7264 4990 Website: <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/home.html>



All written information is available, on request, in **Larger Print**,

on audio tape  and on disk 

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